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1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 7
REF A.

2. AS IS CLEAR FROM REF B, THE BURMESE SO FAR HAVE NOT
PROVIDED US WITH ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE DAY TO DAY
USE OF INC-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT, ALTHOUGH IT IS WELL WITHIN
THEIR CAPABILITY TO DO SO. IN DECLINING OUR REQUESTS, THEY
HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THIS INFORMATION IS AN INTERNAL
MATTER AND NOT SOMETHING THEY HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REPORT
TO US UNDER THE 1974 AGREEMENT. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE
AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE, PURSUANT TO THE INSTRUCTION IN
REF. A, WILL BE PRODUCTIVE. EVEN SO, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN
WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION THE GUB WILL PROVIDE.

3. AS REGARDS RUDY HALL, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT HE WILL
BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MONITORING CAPABILITY. HE
JUST ARRIVED IN BURMA ON MARCH 21, AND LEFT THE COUNTRY
AGAIN (IN CONNECTION WITH FH-227 DELIVERY) BEFORE RECEIPT
OF REF A. SEVERAL OF THE KEY OFFICIALS HALL DEALT WITH IN
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THE PAST HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED, SO HALL AS YET HAS NOT HAD
TIME TO ESTABLISH CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE PRINCIPAL GUB
OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE WILL DEAL. IN ANY EVENT, HALL'S
EFFECTIVENESS IN MONITORING THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL
LARGELY DEPEND ON THE GUB'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE, A
FACTOR WHICH IT TOO EARLY TO ASSESS. AT A MINIMUM, HE SHOULD
BE ABLE TO PICK UP SOME USEFUL INFORMATION THROUGH HIS

NECESSARY LIAISON ON TECHNICAL MATTERS; HOW MUCH REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

4. THE MISSION HAS RECENTLY EXPANDED ITS SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES IN THE AIRCRAFT FIELD. WE ARE NOW GETTING A BETTER READING ON THE USE OF THESE AIRCRAFT, WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE MORE COMPREHENSIVE PERIODIC REPORTING. ALTHOUGH COVERAGE BY THIS MEANS IS NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE, IT TAKES IN MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE SOURCES OF WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY AWARE. EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF OUR COVERAGE IS AN ONGOING PROCESS. OUR PRESENT SENSITIVE CAPABILITY COULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED BY UTILIZING MANDALAY MORE FULLY.

5. OTHER COVERT RESOURCES CONCEIVABLY COULD BE DEDICATED TO THIS TASK, BUT THIS CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT DIVERTING EFFORTS FROM OTHER PRIORITY TASKS, AND SPECIFIC DIRECTION FROM WASHINGTON SHOULD BE RECEIVED IF SUCH DIVERSIONS ARE TO BE INITIATED. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGENCIES CONCERNED.
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